

List of Australian Aboriginal mythological figures

The following is a list of **Australian Indigenous Australian deities and spirits**.

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The [Rainbow Snake](#) is a common feature of the mythology and art of indigenous Australian cultures^[1]

New South Wales

- [Baiaame](#), creator god of the peoples of New South Wales
- [Baloo](#), [Kamilaroi](#) moon god who keeps three pet snakes
- [Birrahgnooloo](#), [Kamilaroi](#) goddess of fertility who would send floods if properly asked to
- [Daramulum](#), sky hero and son of Baiaame and Birrahgnooloo
- [Dirawong](#), [Bundjalung](#) creator being
- [Ganhanbili](#), second wife of Baiaame
- [Wurrunna](#), culture hero
- [Yhi](#), [Kamilaroi](#) solar goddess associated with light and creation

Northern Territory

- [Adnoartina](#), the lizard guard of [Uluru](#)
- [Altjira](#), [Arrernte](#) sky god who created the earth
- [Ankotarinja](#), first man of Arrernte mythology
- [Onur](#), [Karraur](#) lunar deity
- [Bamapana](#), [Yolngu](#) trickster spirit who creates discord

- Banaitja, creator deity
- Barnumbirr, Yolgnu creator spirit
- Barraiya, creator of the first vagina
- Bobbi-Bobbi, benevolent Binbinga snake deity
- Djanggawul, three creator-siblings of northeast Arnhem Land mythology
- Galeru, rainbow snake in Arnhem Land mythology who swallowed the Djanggawul
- Djungkao, group of sisters associated with floods and ocean currents
- Julunggul, Yolgnu rainbow snake goddess associated with initiation, fertility, rebirth and water
- Karora, creator god
- Kunapipi, a mother goddess and the patron deity of many heroes
- Malingee, malignant nocturnal spirit
- Mamaragan, lightning deity
- Mangar-kunjer-kunja, Arrernte lizard deity who created humans
- Mimi, fairy-like beings of Arnhem Land
- Minawara and Multultu, legendary ancestors of the Nambutji
- Namarrkon (also known as Namarrgon^[2]), Lightning man, makes lightning appear and creates roars of thunder in storms
- Mokoi, evil Yolngu spirit who kidnapped and ate children
- Ngintaka, Pitjantjatjara creator being
- Nogomain, a god who gives spirit children to mortal parents
- Manuriki, god of beauty
- Papinijuwari, a type of one-eyed giant which feeds on the bodies of the dead and the blood of the sick
- Ulanji, snake-ancestor of the Binbinga
- Wala, solar goddess
- Wawalag, Yolngu sisters who were swallowed by a serpent, only to be regurgitated
- Wollunqua, snake-deity associated with rain and fertility
- Wuluwaid, rain god of Arnhem Land
- Wuriupranili, a solar goddess whose torch is the sun
- Wurugag and Waramurungundi, first man and woman of Gunwinggu legend
- YawkYawk, Aboriginal mermaids who live in waterholes, freshwater springs, and rock pools.
- Yurlungur, Yolngu snake deity who swallowed and regurgitated the Wawalag sisters; associated with initiation and rebirth

Queensland

- Anjea, fertility goddess or spirit, in whom people's souls reside between their incarnations
- Gaiya, giant devil dingo of lower Cape York Peninsula
- Dhakkan, ancestral god of the Kabi
- I'wai, culture hero of the Kuuku-Ya'u
- Yalungur, god of the first baby

South Australia

- Akurra, great snake deity of the Adnyamathanha people

- Bila, cannibal sun goddess of the Adnyamathanha people
- Bunyip, mythical creature said to lurk in swamps, billabongs, creeks, riverbeds, and waterholes
- Mar'rallang, mythical twin sisters
- Muldjewangk, water spirit or spirits inhabiting the Murray River
- Ngintaka, Pitjantjatjara creator being
- Tjilbruke, Kaurna creation ancestor

Tasmania

- Willauk, giant demon that inhabited Lake Derwent
- Tebwem, flesh-eating ghost of southern Tasmania
- Pioial, giant scorpion like creature
- Moinee, Creator spirit/God for Tasmania

Victoria

- Baiaame, southeast Australian creational ancestral hero
- Balayang, bat deity and brother of Bunjil
- Binbeal, Kulin rainbow deity and son of Bunjil
- Bunjil, Kulin creator deity and ancestral being, represented as an eagle
- Bunyip, mythical creature said to lurk in swamps, billabongs, creeks, riverbeds, and waterholes
- Daramulum, southeast Australian deity and son of Baiaame
- Gnowee, solar goddess who searches daily for her lost son; her torch is the sun
- Karatgurk, seven sisters who represent the Pleiades star cluster
- Kondole, man who became the first whale
- Lohan-tuka, wife of Loo-ernn
- Loo-ernn, spirit ancestor and guardian of the Brataualung people
- Nargun, fierce half-human, half-stone creature of Gunai legend
- Pundjel, creator deity involved in the initiation of boys
- Thinan-malkia, evil spirit who captures victims with nets that entangle their feet
- Tiddalik, frog of southeast Australian legend who drank all the water in the land, and had to be made to laugh to regurgitate it
- Waang, Kulin trickster, culture hero and ancestral being, represented as a crow
- Wambeen, evil lightning-hurling figure who targets travellers

Western Australia

- Bagadjimbiri, a pair of Karadjeri creator-spirits
- Dilga, Karadjeri goddess of fertility and growth, and mother of the Bagadjimbiri
- Julana, lecherous Jumu spirit who surprises women by burrowing beneath the sand, leaping out, and raping them
- Kidili, Mandjindja moon deity who was castrated for attempting to rape the first women, who in turn became the Pleiades

- Kurdaitcha (or kurdaitcha man) is a ritual "executioner" in Australian Indigenous Australian culture (specifically the term comes from the Arrernte people).^[3]
- Ngariman, Karadjeri quoll-man who killed the Bagadjimbiri and was drowned in revenge
- Njirana, Jumu deity and father of Julana
- Ungud, snake deity associated with rainbows and the fertility and erections of the tribe's shamans
- Wagyl, Noongar snakelike creator being
- Wati-kutjara, a pair of western Australian lizard-men
- Wondjina, Mowanjum cloud or rain spirits

Pan-continental

- Rainbow Serpent, a common feature of the art and mythology of Indigenous Australian cultures^[4]
- Erathipa, central Australia, a boulder that has the shape of a pregnant woman

Unknown

- Kinie Ger, evil half-man, half-quoll beast
- Thardid Jimbo, cannibalistic giant
- Yara-ma-yha-who, monstrous bloodsucking dwarf
- Bluetongue Lizard, an elderly trickster
- Tjinimin, the ancestor of the Australian peoples. He is associated with the bat and with Kunmanggur the rainbow serpent
- Nogomain, a god who gives spirit children to mortal parents.
- Mar'rallang, the name shared by twin sisters
- Djunkgao, a group of sisters who are associated with floods and ocean currents
- Yee-Na-Pah, a devil girl

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